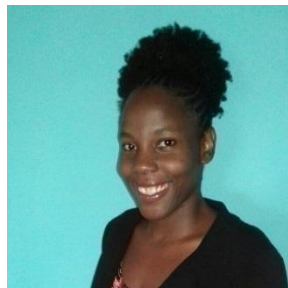


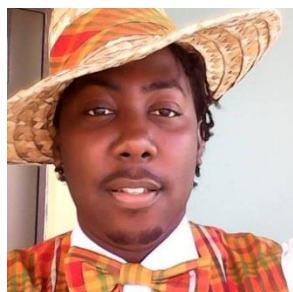
YLAI Fellow Biographies

Antigua and Barbuda



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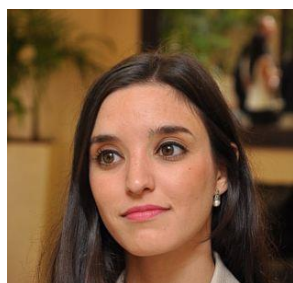
Janese Henderson is the Founder and CEO of Gifted Hands Touching Lives, an organization in Antigua and Barbuda dedicated to empowering women and young people through education and professional training. Janese is also the founder of Cheretta's Cakes and Pastries, a custom bakery for special occasions, and she lectures part-time at Antigua State College. Janese has an MA in Chemistry from the University of the West Indies Mona and a BA in Chemistry and Mathematics Education from the University of



Development at the University of York.

Elijah James is the Founder and CEO of Voice Publications and creator of The Local App, a comprehensive digital destination guide and marketplace solution. The Local App allows users to conveniently access local and international travel content via web and mobile app. Elijah represents youth and civil society in various forums regionally and internationally, and currently sits on the Board of the Caribbean Policy Development Centre. Elijah is currently pursuing his MPA in Public Policy and International

Argentina



Carolina Anton is the Founder and COO of Medex Medical Technology Cluster, which brings together public and private sector organizations to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and policies for health care. Carolina has previously worked with Coca Cola Andina and Arcor Group in Argentina in management and innovation. She holds an MA in Business Administration from the Universidad Tecnológica Nacional and a specialized degree in Project Management from the Universidad de Belgrano.



Lucila Mónica Dotto is the Co-Founder of AGC Consultora, a personal and professional development organization that focuses on women's empowerment. Lucila has served as the Director of Admissions and Director of Alumni Relations and Professional Development at UdeSA. She holds an MA in Marketing and Communications from the Universidad de San Andrés and a BA in Psychology from the Universidad Católica Argentina.



Florencia Fredes Lauret is the Founder and Executive Director of Vivamos Juntos, a co-housing and collaborative neighborhood venture in Argentina. Vivamos Juntos seeks to promote co-housing in Latin America as an innovative and sustainable lifestyle where people maintain private homes but participate in the design of shared common facilities that bring social, environmental, and economic benefits for its residents. Florencia has worked in the Executive Office of the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires. She has a BA in Political Science from the Universidad Católica Argentina.



Franco Goytia is the Founder and CEO of ANDO, a delivery service run via bicycle. ANDO transforms the way goods are moved and delivered around cities, empowering college students and decreasing traffic, carbon dioxide emissions, and smog. Franco has experience in entrepreneurship, founding Adding, a marketplace that connects influencers with advertising agencies and brands. He holds a BA in Economics from the Universidad de San Andrés.



Angelica Hearne is the Founder of Angelica H., a tailor-made leather bag company where clients can customize the bag designs. Angelica has experience working at Nestle, IBM, and Mañana Profesional, an Argentinian magazine for entrepreneurs. She also volunteers for Techo where she is building houses for families in underserved areas. She also works with Banco de Alimentos, a food donation program. Angelica received her BA in Business from the Universidad de San Andrés.



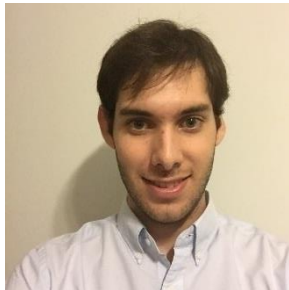
María José Greloni is the Co-Founder of Kubadili, an organization dedicated to shifting NGOs and governmental organizations to a new, more innovative, and collaborative working culture. Kubadili provides training in agile methodologies like Scrum, Kanban, Lean Startup, and Design Thinking. In addition, she is the Director of Wingu Tecnología Sin Fines de Lucro. She has extensive experience in communications and campaign directing. She received her MA in Marketing and Communications from the Business School at the Universidad de San Andrés.



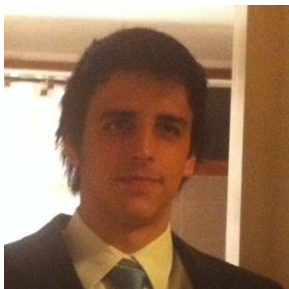
Alan Karpovsky is the Co-Founder of Herolens, an advertising tech company that generates personalized content to reach different audiences. Previously, he has worked as a Manager of Content and Customer Success for Streema & Simple Radio and Assistant Manager of Services Growth at Myriad Group. Alan is also the organizer of YJP Group, a non-profit focused on expanding the social and professional lives of young Jewish professionals in Argentina. Alan received his MA in Computer Science from the Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires and his BA in Electronics and Robotics from ORT.



Eugenia Ponce de León is the Founder and CEO of Sugarlicious, a business offering personalized sweets and desserts. Eugenia has previous entrepreneurial experience, selling handmade accessories for women. She has previously served as the CFO of Lx Argentina, a cleaning and maintenance service company and a Sales Representative at Turismo Taragui SRL. She is also a member of Fecorr Joven, a group of young entrepreneurs who want to promote entrepreneurship culture. Eugenia holds a BA in Economic Sciences from the Universidad Nacional del Nordeste.



Valentino Portnoy is the Co-Founder and CEO of Guru Flights, an online platform that helps travelers find the best possible flight deals. Valentino has previously served as Director of Software Development at the National Institute of Statistics and Census, as well as the Director of Sales at MacLenon, which provides digital services to small businesses and professionals. In his spare time, Valentino volunteers at Emprending, an entrepreneurship course, and with his city government. He has a BA in Software Engineering from the Universidad de Buenos Aires.



Nicolás Vidal is the Co-Founder and CEO of TranquerOn, a company that connects agriculture and livestock farms, making it easier for them to buy, sell, and operate with their cattle. They track and analyze relevant data and aim to provide a global solution for agriculture and cattle management. Nicolás has also worked as a Project Manager and Business Developer for IBM Global Business Services, and is a Board Member for E4E. He received his Bachelor's in Industrial Engineering from Universidad Austral.

Aruba



Kawish Misier is the Co-founder and Treasurer of the Young Entrepreneurs Stichting of Aruba (YES Aruba), a non-profit NGO aimed at inspiring and encouraging the sustainable growth of new small businesses and entrepreneurs in Aruba. Kawish has several years of experience as an entrepreneur, including starting his own website hosting platform, Aruba Gateway, and eco-friendly cleaning supply manufacturer, Eco Power Cleaning. He received an MA in International Business, a BA in Accounting & Finance, and a BA in Marketing, all from the University of Aruba.

Bahamas



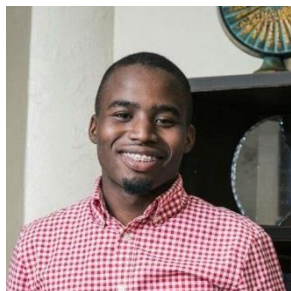
University of the West Indies.

Constentina Hamilton is the Founder and President of Proserpina AgTech, a business dedicated to improving the profitability of farming through the use of agribusiness strategies, green technology, and renewable energy. Constentina has also worked at the Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute at the Ministry of Agriculture of the Bahamas, designing greenhouses and overseeing farmer development programs. She holds a BA in Agribusiness and Environmental Resource Management from the



University.

Kerel Pinder is the Founder and Managing Director of SisBro Productions, an event and production company on Grand Bahama Island that is geared towards providing creative, innovative, and memorable productions and events. Kerel is an author, motivational speaker, television personality, playwright, and event planner. She holds an MA in Communications and Leadership from Park University, studied School Counseling at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and received a BA in Psychology from Acadia



Xavier Knowles is the Co-Founder and COO of Bahrezy, a business dedicated to providing the most affordable, comfortable, and reliable transportation in the Bahamas. In addition to his entrepreneurial pursuits, Xavier co-anchors the television show The Youth Zone with Clint Watson, and manages the show's social media and casting. Xavier is currently pursuing his BA in Business Management at the University of the Bahamas.

Barbados



Fashion Design from Barbados Community College.

Kalene Hurdle is the Founder and Managing Director of Kalene Designs, a company that provides batik designs with deep narratives rooted in minority cultures. She is committed to producing products sustainably and creating local jobs. She received an award for Ingenuity in Art and has won several medals at NIFCA. She studied textile and surface designs, apparel manufacturing technologies, and business studies at Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic and received her certificate in



Paul Husbands is the Founder and CEO of Selecta Charts, an online music streaming service promoting the music of Barbados. Selecta Charts seeks to expand the music industry in Barbados from seasonal to year-round. Paul also works as the Editorial Executive at the Barbados Advocate. He received his BA in Graphic Design from Barbados Community College.

Belize



Efrain O. Cal is the Founder and CFO of the Trophy Depot, a business that creates customized trophies for sports associations and organizers. Efrain has several years of entrepreneurial experience, having launched his own marketing company, HR3 Concepts, and outsourcing solutions company, Universal BPO. Efrain has an MBA from Galen University, a BA in Tourism Management from the University of Belize, and an Associate's Degree in Business from Muffles College.



there as well.

Andre Pitts is the Founder and President of Group Hug, an organization dedicated to inspiring and spearheading volunteerism, goodwill, and proactivity amongst young people. Group Hug solicits, organizes, and distributes school supplies to families in need. In addition to running Group Hug, Andre works in the Press Office of the Government of Belize. He received his Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies from the University of the West Indies, and he is currently pursuing his BA in Political Science



Karen Ramirez is the Founder and General Manager of Belize Pick and Eat Express, a restaurant that provides affordable, timely, tasty, and healthy local meals and desserts in Belize City. Prior to opening her restaurant, Karen was the General Manager at Belize Orchid Trends, providing unique fashion to young women, expectant mothers, and newborns. She also spent several years teaching in Taiwan. Karen holds a BA in Business Management and an MA in International Relations and Security Management from Ming Chuan University.



Keisha Rodriguez is the Co-Founder and Director of Communications, Outreach, and Networking for Belize Association of Planners (BAP), which addresses relevant planning and development issues in Belize, with an emphasis on vulnerable urban communities. They seek to apply knowledge and skills to address inequalities and urban and environmental injustices. Keisha is also an adjunct lecturer at the University of Belize. She holds an MA in International Environment Sustainable Development from National Central University and a BA in Biology from the University of Belize.

Bolivia



Maribel Alipaz Portugal is the Founder of Mis Ultimos Días Con Dignidad, an organization dedicated to promoting a mindful society about the rights that people declared terminally ill through information campaigns and the creation of the first Bolivian hospice that provides palliative care for people with less than 6 months of life expectancy. Maribel has extensive medical experience, having worked at Seguro Social Universitario La Paz and at the Rural Hospital of Tipuani. Maribel has her Bachelor's Degree in Medicine from Universidad Mayor de San Andrés.



Andrea Toro Ortuno is the co-founder and general manager of Terrena, co-creating with nature. This business offers organic, local, and fair trade produce and regenerative design services. Andrea also works as a freelance trainer, offering consulting services to NGOs. She worked as a leadership trainer and educator in a variety of other capacities. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Sciences from the University Simón I. Patiño.



Jorge Badani is the Founder and CEO of Sociedad Agroindustrial Valenciana Gourmet SRL, a manufacturer of healthy and gourmet products. Previously, Jorge managed the sale of machinery, packaging, and ingredients for food industries at OA Bolivia SRL. He holds a BA in Agroindustrial Engineering from the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana Zamorano, where he also received a diploma in Food Safety.



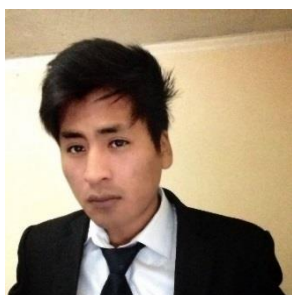
Henry Chuquimia is the Co-Founder and CEO of Lightpath, a software development company that supports new entrepreneurs and startups. Henry has also worked as a developer for Mojix – Coderoad and the Higher University of San Andrés, where he managed a team of developers and maintained web and mobile apps. He received his BA in Software Engineering from the Higher University of San Andrés.



Alejandro Foronda is the Founder and CEO of Avísame, an app that looks to increase security and safety in cities. Avísame allows users to share their location via secure link with friends or family so that they can be alerted during an emergency. Alejandro worked at Cyberglobalnet as a Mobile Developer and at Newsoft working on mobile applications and Facebook marketing. He received his BA in Business Development from the Universidad Católica Boliviana.



Veronica Matienzo is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Suenzo, a leather product manufacturer. Suenzo seeks to inspire pride in Bolivian-made products through high-quality leather goods. Veronica has also worked as a Sales Manager for Belcorp, managing over 300 beauty supplies saleswomen. She received her BA in Business Administration from NUR.



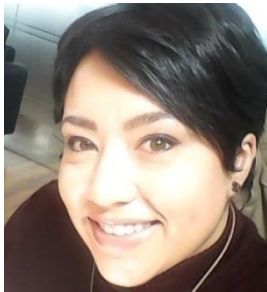
Freddy Poma is the Founder and CEO of Buena Fuente, an organization dedicated to helping university students develop journalistic skills. Buena Fuente publishes a national newspaper and a cultural magazine and is in the process of creating more news outlet products. Freddy has previously worked as a reporter for Erbol, the largest radio station in Bolivia. He received his BA in Social Communication from the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés.



Andrea Puente Salazar is the Co-Founder and CEO of Zékiri, a business dedicated to improving the lives of small business owners, giving them a simple way to use their data to make strategic decisions, manage their businesses, and find opportunities to grow and optimize their processes. Prior to founding Zékiri, Andrea was the Director of Education at the Global Academy, a Global Shaper Hub Cochabamba Project. She also worked at the Universidad Católica San Pablo. Andrea received her BA in Computer Science from the Universidad Católica San Pablo in Cochabamba.



Jimmy Ruiz is the Founder and CEO of Vioway, an educational and cultural exchange organization. Vioway hopes to make a change in the lives of young Bolivian people and create opportunities that help them make a difference across the world. Jimmy received his BA in Commercial Engineering from the Universidad Católica Boliviana San Pablo.



Daniela Vargas is the Founder of UPSTREAM Coaching & Training, a company that helps people through coaching and skills training to reach their personal and professional goals; fulfill their personal mission, vision, and purpose statements; and overcome their personal limitations. She also works as an administrative assistant at Estudio Técnico Seguros SRL and is a volunteer with Global Shapers Hub La Paz. She has a Bachelor's in Business Administration from the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés.

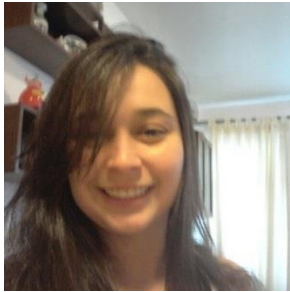
Brazil



Marco Angioluci is the Founder of Desempenho Máximo Acompanhamento Escolar, which provides low-cost and high-quality learning opportunities in mathematics for people in Brazil through individualized tutoring. Previously, Marco worked in human resources at Arpex Capital and on the Search and Selection of Entrepreneurs team at Endeavor Brazil, where he was responsible for a sales routine and conducting interviews, among other tasks.



Luize Araújo is the Co-Founder of Coletivo Matora, a graphic design company that aims to empower creative women and increase the visibility of their work. Before this, Luize worked at a startup focused on developing presentations, as a Graphic Design Intern, and as a Global Shapers Community volunteer. She is also a partner at a startup that aims to expand young people's understanding of the world, where she has worked as a Communications Leader and Graphic Designer. She holds a degree in Design from the University of the State of Bahia.



Juliana Brito is the co-founder of Mão Santa, a company that helps women find housing and construction jobs. Before this, she worked as a project manager at DLR and PTB, where she developed a high vacuum oven for thin-film transistors. She has a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering from PUC-Rio and Technische Universität Braunschweig in Germany. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering with a specialization in nanodevices and nanomaterials at PUC-Rio.



Bruno Felipe Domingues Correa is the Founder of Bruno's School of English, a tutoring company that offers low-cost English lessons to students. Besides teaching English, the School also supports students in building a résumé and preparing for job interviews. Bruno also works in Human Resources at Apex Tool Group and he worked at NossaCred. He holds a degree in Business Administration from the University of Sorocaba.



Lucas Coutinho is the founder of Hire A Dream, an employment agency that provides professional guidance and employment opportunities to former inmates. Before this, he worked as an English and Spanish language educator, notably at the Federal University of Amapá, and has been involved with volunteer activities for five years. He holds a degree in Portuguese and English Language Education and Literature from the Federal University of Amapá.



Thalita Gelenske Cunha is the Founder and CEO of Blend Edu, an online training platform for educators. Blend Edu aims to enable people to reach their full potential through the lens of diversity and inclusion. Thalita also works as a Human Resource Analyst at Vale SA. Thalita holds a Master's Degree in Cultural Goods and Social Projects - Corporate Gender Equality from the Getúlio Vargas' Foundation and a Bachelor's Degree in Business from the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ).



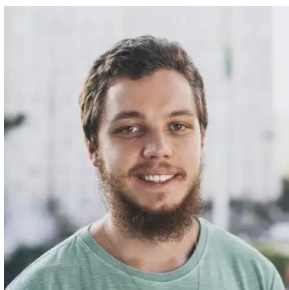
Fabio Streitemberger Fabro is the Founder and CEO of Inccount, which provides a user-friendly digital platform for small- and medium-sized enterprises to easily anticipate their receivables at an affordable cost with less paperwork. Fabio previously founded and worked as the CEO of TSM Auto Parts and was a Manager at Personalize Papéis. Fabio holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Federal University of Paraná.



Stephanie Hong is the Co-Founder of Garateá, which aims to tackle the inefficiency in emergency public services by empowering communities with first-aid training and certification. By alerting first-aid-qualified volunteers through an app, victims can be helped before ambulances arrive, even in remote communities. Stephanie is currently a Lawyer at Pinheiro Neto Advogados, and has interned at BlackRock and the Court of Justice of São Paulo. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Law and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Commercial Law from the University of São Paulo.



Stephanie Koller is the Co-Founder and General Manager of Tropicado, a company that brings healthy snack options to people in Brazil. Each week, Tropicado delivers ready-to-eat packaged foods in portions, and leftovers are composted to reduce food waste. Stephanie has worked as a Purchasing Intern at Votorantim, as a European Foundation for Quality Management Intern at Bosch in Germany, and as a Continuous Improvement Process Associate at Bosch in Brazil. She graduated from Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná with a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering.



Gabriel Marmentini is the Co-Founder and COO of Politize!, a web platform designed to strengthen Brazil's democratic culture by offering simple, free, and nonpartisan education for everyone. The website aims to make political education more accessible and encourage people to be informed. Gabriel previously completed an internship in Russia with AIESEC and an internship in Berlin with homify magazine. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from the State University of Santa Catarina, and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the same university.



Jordana Mendonça is the Founder and President of ComAmor, a nonprofit in Brazil that installs community gardens to reduce food insecurity, foster environmental and nutritional consciousness, connect people, and generate income. Jordana works as a Judge Assistant at the Court of Justice of the State of Goiás, and was previously a Teacher at Alfredo Nasser College. She has a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Law from Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Goiás.



Maira Peres is the Founder and CEO of Diosa - Mão de Obra Feminina. Based in Brazil, Diosa is an online platform that connects women who work in home renovation with potential customers. By providing visibility and job opportunities to female workers, Diosa hopes to end gender stereotypes and impact local women and the economy. Maira previously worked as a Manager for Eglobal Service. She has a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from the Escola Superior de Propaganda e Marketing.



Rafael Perez is the Founder and Managing Director of Point - Facilitação Criativa, a business in Brazil that trains people from large companies, startups, schools, and universities about how to communicate effectively. Point gives guidance on presentations and group facilitation, and offers free courses for public school teachers to improve their skills in the classroom. Rafael previously worked in human resources at RBS Group. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, with a focus on Design and Communication, from the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul.



Lygia Pontes is the Founder and CEO of Lygia Pontes Consultoria in Brazil, which provides consulting on workplace behavior, communications, and management. Her goal is to train all levels of employees about how to foster a positive working environment. She has many years of experience as a public relations professional, first working in communications for Natura, then as a Digital Manager for Edelman. Lygia holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations from the Universidade de São Paulo and a Master's Degree in Business and Management from Fundação Getúlio Vargas.



Ivan Prado is the Founder and General Manager of Caos Heroico. The organization currently partners with two prisons in southeast Brazil, working with guards and inmates to change the organizational culture. Caos Heroico works to decrease the recidivism rate. Ivan taught management courses at Instituto de Socioeconomia Solidaria and personal and business development courses at Impact Hub São Paulo. He studied Science and Technology for three years at Universidade Federal de Alfenas.



Yasmin Rodriguez is the Founder of Ananã Café, which serves authentic Brazilian coffee and food. The café supports local farmers and cooperatives by using their products and bringing them to a wider audience. Yasmin has five years of experience in marketing, and has worked for WSI Amazon and DeVry Martha Falcão. She is currently working in digital marketing at Com Café Digital. Yasmin has a Degree in Advertising from the Instituto Federal do Amazonas.



Thaís Rosa is the CEO of Conectando Territorios, an organization that seeks to bring people closer to the history and memory of quilombos and traditional communities. She works with community based tourism experiences where local people have their own voice. Thaís has six years of research experience in the subject of community based tourism and has taught in the Tourism Department of CEDERJ. She holds a Master's Degree in Social Memory with a specialization in Environmental Management

Analysis and Planning, Economy, Management, and Culture from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro State.



Luana Santos is the Co-Founder of Ethos Intelligence which develops innovative business models that combine the creation of social value with the development of financially sustainable and scalable solutions. She previously worked as a Marketing Analyst at Netwall, which provides innovative IT management solutions, and as a Marketing Analyst at the Center for Obesity Study and Treatment. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and a Master's in Marketing from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul.



Rafael Sena is the Co-Founder and Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Association of Young Entrepreneurs of Recife (AJE Recife). The nonprofit organization helps young entrepreneurs develop leadership skills, connect with each other, and participate in forums and events. Rafael is a Sales and Technical Manager with GNG Fundações Especiais and Sales Representative for T&A Pré Fabricados. Previously, he was the Owner of DS Locação de Equipamentos and President of ConcretID. He holds a Bachelor's

Degree in Civil Engineering from the Catholic University of Pernambuco.



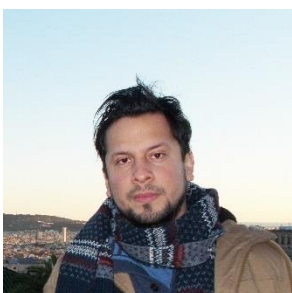
Mackenzie.

Vivian Sória is the CEO of Moradigna, a company that provides materials, skilled labor, and project management in order to renovate low-income housing. Vivian previously worked as an architect, mentor and leader of the trainee committee and member of the innovation team Promon Engenharia, an engineering group that develops infrastructure in Brazil. She holds a degree in Architecture and Urbanism from Mackenzie University and a Master's in Construction Project Management, also from

Chile

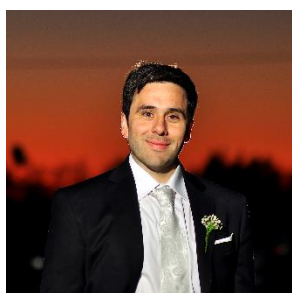


René Espinoza is the founder and CEO of Lazarillo Tec, an app that helps visually impaired people navigate cities by showing local areas of interest, such as bus stops and coffee shops. Before this, René was the director of Sosmart SpA, an app that detects when a vehicle has undergone a car crash and then alerts the contacts in the owner's phone. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Chile.



Technical University.

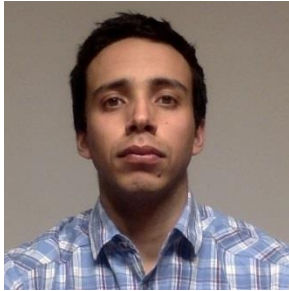
Juan Carlos Forero Oliveros is the Founder and CEO of ChitoCure, a company dedicated to improving the quality of life in patients suffering from diabetic foot ulcers, pressure ulcers, and chronic skin lesions, accelerating the healing process and reducing treatment costs. Juan Carlos is currently a postdoctoral researcher in Biopolymers and Tissue Engineering at the Biological Chemistry Laboratory at Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso in Chile. He received his PhD in Biotechnology from Federico Santa María



Rodrigo Andrés González Morecchio is the Co-Founder and General Manager of Patrimonio Silvestre SpA, a company developing a sustainable agriculture for wild and native products of Chile including the Native communities and Harvest communities from the Southern Patagonia region. Rodrigo received his Master of Business Administration Degree from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and his Master's Degree in Biochemistry from Universidad de Chile.



Christian Morrison is the Co-Founder and CEO of the eco-tour operator Ecochile Travel. Ecochile Travel offers an alternative to normal tourism by organizing trips throughout the country with the aim of supporting local tourism and communities. It aims to create authentic experiences for its clients by creating social relationships that last beyond their travel period. Christian holds a Bachelor's Degree in Ecotourism from the Instituto del Medio Ambiente.



Tomás Prado is the Founder of Mapeko Spa, an organization that teaches communities how to recycle and provides the materials to do so. Mapeko Spa distributes recycling receptacles to families and schools and then periodically collects the materials. He also works as the Founder and CEO of Yo Capaz, a tutoring company that emphasizes a more equal and dynamic relationship between tutor and student. He currently studies Commercial Engineering at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.



Amanda Rios Carrasco is the founder of Arantek Ltda, a company that creates teas with unique Patagonian flavors. She also works as an educator at Austral University of Chile, Patagonia Campus, where she teaches courses in marketing, administration, international commerce, and public relations. Previously, she was a manager at AIESEC. Amanda holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering in Business Management from the University of Viña del Mar.



Cami Roa is the Co-Founder of Desde Fuera del Centro, a non-profit organization that promotes social transformation in children through music. Desde Fuera del Centro uses workshops and concerts to provide children with access to contemporary music, helping them develop social skills and creativity. Cami was previously a volunteer with a children's center and a committee member with the English Pedagogy Program. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English Pedagogy from Playa Ancha University.



Paula Rojas is the Co-Founder and General Manager of Nutrayeast, a company that seeks to reuse byproducts from the winemaking industry. Nutrayeast separates the yeasts from the wine lees, treats them with enzymatic protein hydrolysis, and obtains a food supplement and an organic nitrogen source for wine fermentation. Before this, Paula was a Research Assistant at the Technical University Federico Santa María. She holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from the Technical University Federico Santa María.



Paulina Salazar Torres is the Founder of LabNettings, an online platform where scientists can communicate and share resources. The platform allows scientists to ask other laboratories for any resources they need, allowing for increased sharing of materials and equipment. Paulina has conducted research in molecular biology, specifically in neurodegenerative diseases. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

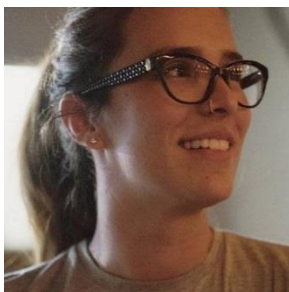


Karen Sandoval Imbert is the Co-Founder of Manke Chile, a company that builds climbing walls and adventure parks in order to promote physical fitness in Chile. The parks also include educational activities. Karen worked as a Supervisor at Las Antipodas Consultora and as a Supervisor at a school. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from the Universidad Cardenal Raul Silva Henríquez and a graduate degree in Special Interest Tourism from the Universidad Austral de Chile.

Colombia



Yovy Aragon is the Founder and General Manager of Ancestral Drinks of the Colombian Pacific Yovy. The company produces and markets ancestral beverages in order to preserve the culture and traditions of these native products. Yovy previously worked as an Educator at the Departamento Administrativo de Gestión del Medio Ambiente (DAGMA). He holds a Professional Degree in Finance and International Business from Santiago de Cali University.



Daniela Berrio is the Co-Founder and General Manager of Casa Articulada Hostel and Artistic Residencies. The hostel aims to show foreigners the real culture of Colombia by providing a collaborative art space and connecting guests with local artists. Daniela previously worked as a Residence Coordinator at Campos de Gutierrez, an arts residency program and ceramics studio, and as an Art Teacher at Centro Colombo Americano. She has a Bachelor's in Fine Arts from Fundación Universitaria Bellas Artes.



María Ximena Cediell the Founder of Distrito Cafetal, which develops food products using local ingredients from organic farms. Distrito Cafetal has over 40 coffee and ice cream products that it distributes to eight clients. María previously worked as an Educator at the Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje (SENA) and as a Manager at Productos Ramo. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Gastronomy from La Salle University.



Esperanza Buitrago is the Co-Founder of Magoma, which creates nutritious sweets, taking into account consumers' health and the environment. Magoma allows consumers to eat healthy candy that complements their diet without giving up what they love most. Esperanza previously worked for SAT MAT, a company that assists athletes applying to study at U.S. universities. She holds a Master's Degree in Pure and Applied Logic from the University of Barcelona.



Cristian Gil-Sánchez is the Founder and CEO of AccionPublica, which makes public data available and generates shareable web content, such as infographics and data visualizations. This content is then distributed for free using local media partners. The goal is to connect citizens and local governments. Cristian previously served as a Regulatory Policy Specialist for the National Planning Department. He has a Master's in City Design and Social Sciences from the London School of Economics and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the National University of Colombia.



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Juan Infante Barón is the Co-Founder and CEO of Perspektiva 360 S.A.S. This company uses 360-degree photography and video to take people on virtual tours of a property anytime, anywhere. He has previously worked as an intern for Audi where he helped conduct safety research and safety presentations. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the Universidad de Los Andes.



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Juan Montoya is the Co-Founder of Fundación Laboratorio Urbano, an organization that develops sustainable entrepreneurship projects in vulnerable communities. Fundación Laboratorio Urbano hopes to increase development opportunities and provide sustainable incomes to communities in Colombia. Juan previously worked for Horacio Hermida Architect, designing public spaces and large-scale projects. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from the National University of Colombia.



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Jennifer Reimert is the Co-Founder of Melisfera SAS, a natural honey and hive product provider, with an emphasis on environmental and social sustainability. Melisfera SAS markets honey as an everyday product to encourage the development of local producers and the conservation of bees. Jennifer previously completed two internships with Distel Rechtsanwälte, a law firm specializing in civil and penal law. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Law from Humboldt Universität Berlin.



Simon Rios is the Co-Founder of Inversiones Rice, an organization devoted to giving homeless and low-income people access to a balanced diet. It teaches people how to sustain urban gardens through hydroponic crops, part of which are harvested for consumption and the rest sold. He previously worked for Channel Center as a Director in the Audiovisual Department. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design from the Universidad Rafael Belloso Chacin.



of Cauca.

Luisa Fernanda Romero Muñoz is the Co-Founder of Get Up and Go Colombia, which employs bilingual students and reintegrated members of FARC in the tourism industry. Get Up and Go Colombia seeks to change the negative reputation of the Cauca Department by emphasizing the region's culture, including its biodiversity, food, history, and national parks. Luisa previously worked for CESCO, and NGO. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering from the University



International Relations from Sergio Arboledo University.

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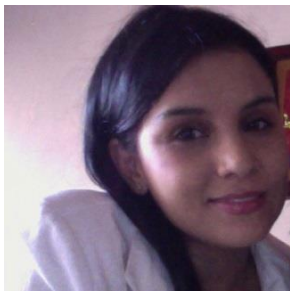
Margarita Varón is the CEO of Colombia Rural SAS which provides professional consulting and legal services for activities associated with land tenure, including design of public policy. The organization hopes to contribute to rural development. She previously served as an External Advisor on Land Tenure for the Departamento Nacional de Estadística and for the Oficina del Alto Comisionado para la Paz. She has a Graduate Degree in Law from the Universidad de los Andes.



Erika Varela Escorcía is the Co-Founder and CEO of Oaoa, a company that specializes in delivering boxes of healthy, Colombian snacks to encourage conscious consumption of local foods. Erika served as Supervisor at AC Nielsen de Colombia. She received her Executive MBA from EADA, her MBA from Centrum Business School, a Master's Degree in Financial Management from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, and a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the Universidad del Norte.

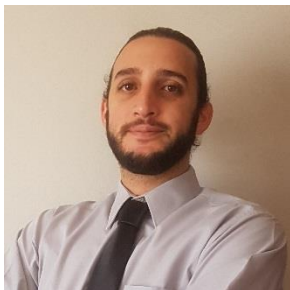


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Katherine Villa is the Co-Founder of Stereomatic Estudios, a music marketing and digital distribution consulting company. Music is a vehicle to a brighter future, but low-income youth in Colombia have minimal opportunities to develop their musical career. Stereomatic Estudios seeks to address this issue by helping young musicians develop their career. Katherine holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Business from the Institución Universitaria Esumer.

Costa Rica



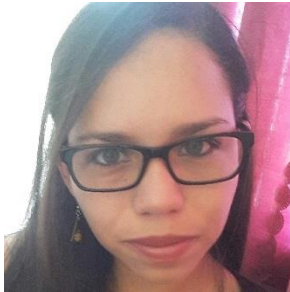
Oscar Alvarado Freer is the Co-Founder of Terminal Avenida 9 Coffee Shop, which encourages the support of national entrepreneurs and the consumption of local products. Terminal Avenida 9 Coffee Shop seeks to share the true value that Costa Rican coffee has worldwide. Oscar previously worked as a Physician at Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Medicine from the University of Medical Sciences in Costa Rica.



Andrea Baltodano is the Founder of Maracao Beachwear, a swimwear line that promotes women's confidence and empowerment. Maracao Beachwear seeks to help at-risk women from marginalized neighborhoods by offering ethical employment practices and fair wages to its employees. Andrea holds an Associate's Degree in Fashion Design from the Universidad Creativa of Costa Rica.



Jody Campbell Sawyer is the Founder of Gente de Azucar, a candy company that works with communities of Limon, Costa Rica to recover the lost art of Caribbean candy making. Gente de Azucar makes custom candies using traditional Caribbean recipes. Jody hopes to make Gente de Azucar the number-one-selling candy company in Latin America. He is currently a Director of Enterprise Services at Hewlett Packard and has worked with several organizations related to women and youth. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering from the University of Costa Rica.



Karen Gómez is the founder of L.E.A Costa Rica, a tourism organization with social impact. L.E.A. Costa Rica plans to combat the increasing drug trade by investing in social programs that offer alternative options to young people in the communities of La Cuesta and Paso Canoas. Karen provides operations support for Pure Life by Aspiro and is a volunteer Youth Coach at the US Embassy in Costa Rica. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Costa Rica.



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Carolina Guzman is the Co-Founder of Hands-On! LESCO, which offers training in sign language and other communication strategies. In Costa Rica, deaf people face discrimination and barriers in educational, social, and work-related situations. Hands-On! LESCO promotes inclusion by offering sign language classes for the community. Carolina previously worked for IEM Bilingual School. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood/Preschool Education from the University of Costa Rica.



Diego Jimenez is the Founder of CRece, which provides self-development tools for homeless people in the capital of Costa Rica. CRece utilizes a space to exchange recycled materials for credits that can be spent on any basic service that the center provides. In turn, people at the center will acquire the necessary skills to transition into society. Diego previously worked for VIDA Volunteer and Travel. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from the National University of Costa Rica.



Kimberly Meoño is the Founder of Aire Libre, which uses outdoor activities to encourage a healthy family lifestyle. Its mission is to coordinate accessible activities that encourage an active lifestyle for each age group, promoting a healthy environment and integrated communities, with the aim of increasing outdoor spaces and safe neighborhoods. Kimberly previously worked for Musmanni and Bank of America. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Administration from the Autonomous University of Central America.



Adrian Valdelomar is the Co-Founder of Santa Rasta Brewing Company, which brews unique beers using Costa Rican ingredients. Santa Rasta Brewing Company hopes to become an industrial brewery by learning from experienced brewing companies. Adrian is currently a Principal R&D Engineer with Boston Scientific. He holds a Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering and Business Administration from the University of Costa Rica.



Marysela Zamora is the Founder of Fábrica de Historias, a production company that empowers women in the arts. Fábrica de Historias develops projects on arts, culture, and gender, such as the San José Ballet Festival and Broadway Cabaret Night. Marysela previously worked for the production companies Luciérnaga Producciones and Zen Entertainment, and as a Public Affairs Specialist for the Alamo Area Council of Governments. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Media from the University of

Costa Rica.

Cuba



Luis Mauri González is the Co-Founder and CEO of CubaModela which connects models, photographers, and makeup and hair artists with national and international clients. Artists create professional profiles so they can be contacted by clients. He previously worked as a developer at the Centro de Inmunología Molecular and at Isladentro. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from the University of Havana.



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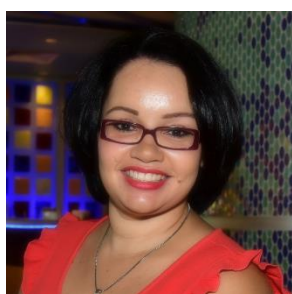


Adriana Sigüenza is the Founder of Wagiro, a wire payment mechanism. She was the Co-Founder and CEO of Syncware, which provided software development expertise and consulting services in business management and business intelligence. Adriana previously worked at the Mayor's Office in Havana in the human resources department. She worked on telecommunications for ATI. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the Technological University of Havana.

Curacao



Shamiro Anita started Bizness Success in 2016 and is currently the Founder and CEO. Bizness Success provides growing businesses with help and services to expand, such as training, courses, software, and other tools. Before this, Shamiro worked at his family's video store and eventually became the manager. He started his own fire safety, security, and automation contracting company in 2012. Shamiro holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration and a Master's in Business Management and Organizational Control from the University of Curacao.



Flavina Wanga is the managing director of Crab Claws Social Media. For more than two years her business has provided full social media services to clients, including giving training, coaching, seminars, masterclasses, and free presentations to start ups and entrepreneurs. Before this, she worked for nine years at Ernst & Young and KPMG. She holds a degree in business economics from Haagse Hogeschool in the Netherlands and a certificate in accounting from the University of Curacao.

Dominica



Avena Prince is the manager, marketer, and fashion designer at Royal Globe Inc., which provides training in various vocations. One such vocation is fashion, as Royal Globe Inc. designs and produces custom women's clothing through its subsidiary Vee's Couture. Prior to this, Avena worked as a sales and marketing supervisor for ten years and then as an insurance sales agent. She holds a diploma in sales and marketing from Cambridge International College.



Eber Ravariere is the President of SOUL Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society, a Youth Agriculture Organization which fosters social and economic development by engaging youth in the production, processing, and marketing of agricultural products. The organization aims to create opportunities and empower youth. He is the Co-founder and CEO of Above Sky Business and Project Support Services. Eber studied Psychology at Dominica State College and holds a Project Management Certificate from the University of the West Indies.



De-ena Registe is the Co-Founder of Shop767, an ecommerce marketplace based in the Commonwealth of Dominica. Shop767 aims to connect businesses and consumers within a single platform. The platform also aids anyone who plans to travel to Dominica by highlighting upcoming events and activities. She currently works in Customer Service at Farmers Insurance, and she worked as a Sales Representative at Time Warner Cable. She has an Associate's Degree from Dominica State College.

Dominican Republic



Roniel Guzmán Toribio is the CEO of Hub Makerspace in the Dominican Republic. Hub Makerspace gives members access to workspaces, tools, and machinery – from sewing machines to 3D printers – allowing them to develop their projects and work with the guidance of mentors. Roniel previously worked as a Project Manager at Domotics Dominicana, and he holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo.



Maria Victoria Hernandez is the Founder of 2SOMOS1, which holds outdoor movie screenings for rural communities in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. By showing environmental and social documentary films and holding workshops, she wants to educate the community, promote understanding, and emphasize the importance of environmental issues. She is currently the CEO of BOGO Producciones. Maria holds an Associate Degree in Film Production from the Madrid Film Institute and a Diploma in Film Festival Management from the International School of Film and TV in Cuba.



Julia Martinez is the Founder and Operations Manager of Casa Delfin Guesthouse in Samana, Dominican Republic. Casa Delfin provides affordable lodging, personalized service, and a welcoming environment. Julia is also the CEO of Kookos & Co., selling locally-crafted coconut oil. She previously worked for the Quelonios Festival and at Heineken. Julia holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the Universidad Acción Pro-Educación y Cultura and a Master's Degree in Peace, Development, and Conflict Transformation from the University of Innsbruck.



John Presimé is the Founder of #FotoNet, an internet café which provides IT services, internet access, and computer training to low-income and middle-class communities in the Dominican Republic. #FotoNet provides access to information and technology for those who are not able to afford private internet service in their homes and offices. John has a Computer Science Studies Certificate from Buenos Net, an English Certificate from the Natural Languages Institute, and an Entrepreneurship Certificate from Proyecto Alerta Joven, Dream Project.

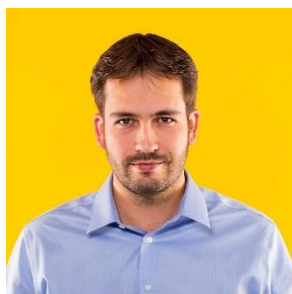


Michelle Ricardo is the Founder of Caribi Handmade, an online marketplace for handmade and artisanal crafts from the Dominican Republic and nearby countries. Caribi provides a platform for fair trade and trains artisans to become competitive in international markets. Michelle is also a teacher at the National School of Visual Arts. She has an Associate's Degree in Fine Arts from the Escuela de Diseño Altos de Chavón and a Bachelor's Degree in Visual Arts from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Ecuador



Viviana Aguilera is the Founder and Manager of Tuscana Design in Ecuador. Tuscana Designs is a store that brings locally-made souvenirs to tourists. The store showcases local art and artisans who represent Ecuador, promoting the artists and helping them profit from their work. Viviana is also currently working as a Sales Manager for Colgate, and she has a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from the Universidad Espiritu Santo.



del Azuay.

Pedro Crespo Flandoli is the Founder and Executive Director of Mikhuna Banco de Alimentos, a food bank in Ecuador. Mikhuna addresses food insecurity and food waste by redistributing excess food to low-income neighborhoods, providing nutritious food for a low price. Pedro is currently a Sales Manager at La Motora and the Founder and General Manager of Observatorio de los Derechos de los Animales. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Systems Engineering and Organizational Psychology from the Universidad



Pogbmpeu Fabra.

Daniela Fuentes Moncada is the Executive Director of Manos de Colores: Artesías del Ecuador. The organization gives indigenous communities the opportunity to develop and sell their crafts, creating a new line of products for the modern market. She is also working as the Executive Producer of Cineática Films. Daniela has an MA in Anthropology from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, an MA in Gender and Public Policy from FLACSO México, and an MA in Social Communication from Universitat



Jose Lema is the Co-Founder and COO of Cuyempak in Quito, Ecuador. Cuyempak focuses on providing quality guinea pig meat products and raising production standards. They provide training on how to increase productivity and maintain sustainable production methods, and pack and sell the guinea pig meat that they buy from local communities. Jose holds a Master's Degree in Animal Science from ESPE-IASA in Ecuador.



University of Berlin.

Juancho Merlo is the COO of Wonder Lab in Ecuador. Wonder Lab offers courses, workshops, innovation challenges, and events to encourage the next generation to design innovative solutions to social issues. Juan has worked as a Consultant on Rural Policy and as the Coordinator of the first Public Innovation Lab for the Municipality of Quito. Juancho has a BA in Economics, Sociology, and Statistics from Jacobs University Bremen and a combined MSc in Development Studies from Ghent University and the Humboldt



Aerospace Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

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Institute de la Providence de Herve in Belgium.

Carolina Ramos is the Founder and COO of Natural Pop, which produces natural snacks out of local grains from Ecuador. Natural Pop aims to provide affordable and healthy snacks to the local community. Carolina has worked as a Production Manager for Huderdeli S.A., as a Project Advisor at Cersa Cia Ltda., and as the Founder and Manager of Ramco Ecuador. She has a degree in Food Engineering from the Universidad San Francisco de Quito and attended graduate school for French and Social Skills at the



Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja.

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Universidad de Guayaquil.

Jéssica Silva Mendoza is the Co-Founder and CFO of PLAY Business School. PLAY holds workshops, boot camps, and mentoring programs to engage participants and make learning easier. Jéssica has experience working in project management for the Secretaria Nacional del Migrante, ECU 911, and AMBEV-Cerveceria Nacional. She has a Bachelor's Degree in International Business from the Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral, and a Master's Degree in Financial and Corporate Projects from the



BA in Economics from Santa Maria Technical University and an MSc in Environmental Economics and Climate Change from the London School of Economics.

Michael Tanner is the Co-Founder and CEO of Emprendimiento Social Flor y Selva. The organization guarantees fair trade for local cocoa producers in Ecuador, supports the conservation of the endangered Rio-Pescado Stubfood-Toad, and encourages sustainable agricultural practices. Currently, Michael works as an Environmental Economist at the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos. He previously worked for Contecon Guayaquil, Macasa, and the National Customs Agency of Ecuador. He has a

El Salvador



Sandra Acosta is the Co-Founder and Strategic Director of DESKRITORIO, a collaborative workspace that empowers entrepreneurs. DESKRITORIO provides entrepreneurs tools, dynamic learning experiences, and trainings. Sandra worked on marketing teams at Fuchs Lubricants in Spain, UnitedWay in Boston, and Comunicart in El Salvador. She holds a Master's Degree in Communication & Strategy from the Universitat Pompeu Fabra and degrees in Marketing, Nuromarketing, and Coolhunting.



Félix Castellanos is the Co-Founder and Creative Director of FatKid Studio, a branding and marketing business based in El Salvador. The studio provides branding services, graphic design, integrated marketing communication services, and design consulting. The design studio helps local businesses create a solid visual identity and distinguish themselves from competitors. Félix has experience working as a Senior Designer at Grupo del Faro, and he holds a degree in Graphic Design from the Universidad Dr.

José Matias Delgado.



Roberto Juárez is the Co-Founder and CEO of LERO, a studio that designs furniture, home accessories, and other interior design products. Working with industrial designers in El Salvador, LERO creates locally-inspired products and sells them internationally. In the past, Roberto has worked as a Junior Designer at SIB Company and in Customer Service at Teleperformance. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial and Product Design from the Universidad Don Bosco.



Rebeca Leiva is the Founder and General Manager of El Garage Food and Drinks, a restaurant in El Salvador that serves handmade hamburgers made from local ingredients. El Garage supports sustainable development by buying local products and offers healthy and affordable food to the community. Before starting El Garage, Rebeca worked as a Sales Representative at Red Bull and studied Culinary Arts and Restaurants Management at the School of Culinary Arts (SCARTS).



Milagro Menjivar is the Founder and Executive of Sola Gratia, a jewelry and accessories company that partners with artisans in El Salvador to create unique products from environmentally-friendly materials. Sola Gratia helps empower artisans and create jobs. Currently, Milagro is also working at TechnoServe, where she provides business advice to local entrepreneurs. She graduated from the Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado with a Bachelor's Degree in Artisan Product Design.



ITCA-FEPADE.

Jose Perez is the Founder and CEO of The Re-Creation Workshop in El Salvador. Re-Creation builds a community of carpenters that develops wood products together. Re-Creation offers mentorship and internship programs for talented young people, training them alongside experienced carpenters and teaching them how to establish their own business. He has served as a volunteer math, physics, and ESL teacher. Jose has a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from Escuela Especializada en Ingeniería,

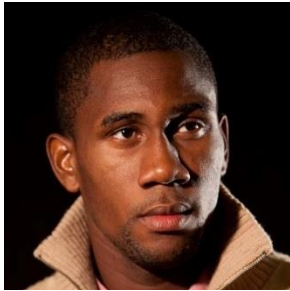


Miguel Solórzano is the Founder and CEO of Dream Foods El Salvador, which sells organic cashew nut butter and other products. Dream Foods helps create jobs and buys materials from local providers to support other businesses and promote economic growth. Miguel is also working as an Assistant Manager at RTI International and has a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the Universidad Francisco Gavidia.



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Grenada



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Tamara Prosper is the Founder and COO of Tambran by Tamara, a company dedicated to providing one-of-a-kind, highly customized, and unique artistic products and eco-friendly accessories. Tambran by Tamara uses recyclable materials to produce its line of accessories. Tamara is a teacher at the Happy Hill Secondary School in St. George's. She received her Master's in Management Studies from the University of the West Indies.

Guatemala



Andrea Benavente is the Co-Founder of Inversiones Corgam S.A., a company that works with Guatemalan artisans to sell locally-made home goods in stores and online. Inversiones co-designs products with artisans, providing them with employment and fair wages, helping to mitigate migration, and preserving ancient cultural techniques. Before co-founding Inversiones, Andrea received a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Design from Rafael Landívar University.



Aarón Bendfeldt is the Founder and Executive Director of the Guatemalan company Grønn, which upcycles glass bottles collected from Guatemala City. From the glass bottles, Grønn makes and sells new glasses, pots, vases, and other products. All products are handmade by local women. He previously participated in SPOR, an exchange program between Guatemala and Norway. Aarón is studying Chemical Engineering at the Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala.



Stephany Davila is the Founder and General Manager of Guatemalan coffee company La Morena. Unlike traditional coffee processing which uses large amounts of water, La Morena uses low water demand processes to be more sustainable. Previously, Stephany worked as a PR Manager at Energuate electricity company and as a Sales Manager at Unex, a coffee exporting company. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from San Carlos University in Guatemala, and a Master's Degree in Coffee Science and Economics from the University of Trieste, Italy.



Andrea Fión Góngora is the Founder of La Bendecida, a company that produces all-natural bee products. La Bendecida works to preserve natural resources, support trade of local products, and contribute to sustainable development of the region. Previously, Andrea spent three years working as a Field Officer at Partners of the Americas and training local agricultural producers. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Rural Development and Environment from Zamorano University.



Nery Guzman is the Founder and General Manager of BlackBox Solutions. The Guatemalan company offers data visualization and analysis, providing information to help local businesses and government officials make informed decisions. Throughout his career, Nery has gained experience with data analysis. He has created intelligence reports for the Coordinating Committee of Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial, and Financial Associations (CACIF), and he was previously the CFO of GENEX, a logistics company. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Economics from the Universidad Rafael Landívar.



Administration from the Universidad Rafael Landívar.

Roberto Haeussler is the Co-Founder of Granja Avicola Agua Blanca, an egg farm in Guatemala. Eggs come from free range chickens, and they are sold at affordable prices. The eggs are then delivered free of charge to each house. Roberto employs people on the condition that they send their children to school, and the farm pays for any book and uniform expenses. He previously started a peanut company before relocating and starting the egg farm. Roberto holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business



Marketing from the Universidad Rafael Landívar.

Gwendolyne Moino is the Co-Founder and CEO of the Guatemalan event planning company Prana. The company develops creative, original, and practical ideas that meet the needs of clients, making the entire process a unique and memorable experience. They plan weddings, parties, and corporate events. Before Prana, Gwendolyne worked for 4.5 years in the advertising and marketing department of Disagro de Guatemala. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Design and a Master's Degree in



Jonathan holds a degree in Entrepreneurship from El Shaddai School.

Jonathan Porta is the Co-Founder of UTZ, an e-commerce platform. The company addresses the lack of resources and infrastructure, such as elevated shipping costs, that prevent e-commerce development in Guatemala. UTZ provides a digital marketplace to host artisans and help them access international markets. UTZ is the only e-commerce platform that sells Guatemalan goods in the international market. Jonathan oversees business units, general management, and company growth.



Perla Villagrán is the Co-Founder of Flowerfull, a company that makes promotional products, invitations, and jewelry using organic succulent flowers. Flowerfull addresses the need for innovative marketing in the events industry to give extra value to clients. Perla previously worked for La Reunion Golf Resort & Residences. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Rafael Landívar University.



Jenny Whitehead is the Founder of El Mercadito de Lola, a sustainable farm-to-table restaurant. With the mission of "conscious feeding," El Mercadito de Lola grows crops and raises animals to produce products with better nutritional value. The restaurant seeks to provide a space for visitors to disconnect from their routine while nourishing their bodies and souls. She previously worked as an Assistant Teacher at Project CHEF. Jenny holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala.

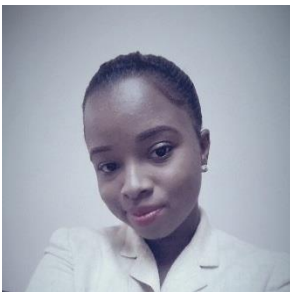
Guyana



Suzanne Hamilton is the Founder of Sosh Solutions, which offers globally recognized professional qualification courses for local entrepreneurs. Sosh Solutions addresses the unavailability of professional and youth development opportunities in the fields of accounting, business, and finance in Linden, Guyana. Suzanne previously worked for the Ministry of Health. She holds a Professional Advanced Diploma in Accounting and Business from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.



Charles Hutson is the Founder of Ecab, a mobile app for calling taxis. The platform allows cab-seekers to electronically hail the closest available cab while allowing drivers to earn more by saving on gasoline and time. Charles previously worked as a Military Officer in the Guyana Defense Force. He currently serves as an instructor at St. Stanislaus College in the Information Technology Department. He holds an Associate's Degree in Information Technology from St. Stanislaus College.

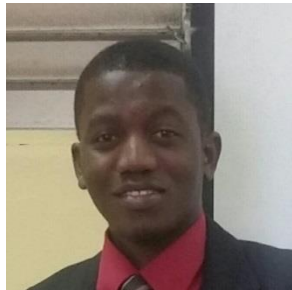


Christine Profitt is the Founder of The Scrubs Hub, an organization that provides quality medical garments and personal protective gear for medical professionals across Guyana at an affordable cost. Additionally, a percentage of the income will fund the Agricola "I CAN" project for disadvantaged youth, single parents, and other young adults. She has served as a part-time volunteer to build awareness around human trafficking. Christine holds a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology from the University of Guyana.

Haiti



Jacquelin Alcious is the Co-Founder of Club Entrepreneurial Accès Jeunes, an accelerator and incubator which focuses on providing trainings on business planning, fundraising, and leadership. They create a strong network between the entrepreneurs and support business growth. Jacquelin previously worked at the Bank of the Republic of Haiti. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the Institut Universitaire des Sciences Juridiques Economiques et de Developpement Regional (INUJED).



Watson Cesaire is the founder of Sante Lakay, an organization dedicated to enhancing health care in Haiti through clinics and educational programs. Sante Lakay strives to provide accessible dental and primary medical care throughout Haiti. Watson was previously the Vice President of Corps des Chirurgiens-Dentistes Volontaires. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Dental Surgery from Faculte d'Odontologie, UEH.



Miguelito Jerome is the founder of 500Gourdes.com, a website that allows Haitians to sell their services and products worldwide. Its mission is to help skilled young people expose their talents, offering a solution to the high unemployment rate. He serves as the CEO of Critic-Haiti. Miguelito holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from the University of Paris VIII.



Altagrace M. Maignan is the founder of Belle Créole, a micro-enterprise program that empowers people, particularly young women, who are living with HIV and AIDS to rise above their circumstances through learning a skill and creating and selling their work. She currently serves as a Manager at Fondation Esther Boucicault Stanislas. Altagrace holds a Master's Degree in medicine from the Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo.



Marie Flore Morett is the founder of Délices de Marie Flore Morett. The bakery seeks to empower female employees to help them forge a path in Haiti. Marie previously worked as an administrator for Mediacom. She holds a Professional Diploma in Computer Graphics and Publishing from the Centre Informatique de Recherches et de Formation.



Jeffsky Poincy is the founder of BUSY (Business-driven Solutions for Youth). The organization aims to promote and foster social and economic empowerment of marginalized youth in Haiti by creating effective and innovative business-oriented solutions. They work with the communities and the youth clubs to develop and run sustainable economic programs. Jeffsky previously worked for Plan International and the Ministry of Youth, Civic Action, and Sports. He holds a Master's Degree in International Investment Project Management from the People Friendship University of Russia.

Honduras



Eda Aguilera A. is the Co-Founder of Cumorah Daycare & Bilingual School. The school supports parents and children in limited economic conditions and recognizes the importance of a bilingual education. She previously worked as a Director for Customer Experience for Mott & Bow. Eda holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the Universidad de San Pedro Sula and a Bachelor's Degree in Music from the Escuela de Música Victoriano Lopez.



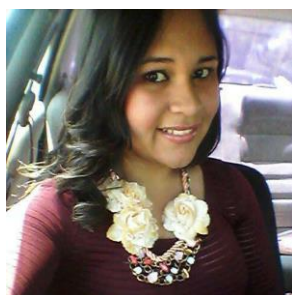
Amy Campos is the Founder and CEO of Auge Boga, a platform where both established and emerging artists can present their work. Auge Boga seeks to provide artists with a way to promote their work and obtain patrons. Amy previously worked as an English teacher at a bilingual school for at-risk youth. Amy has a Bachelor's Degree in Business from UNITECH.



Ricardo Diaz Meraz is the Co-Founder of Trigona, which produces eco-friendly, market-quality products derived from honey and beekeeping. Trigona provides new technology for beekeepers in rural areas of Honduras to enhance their production. Additionally, it establishes fair trade between consumers and producers. Ricardo holds a Master's Degree in Tropical Beekeeping from the National University of Costa Rica.



Katharine Espinal Chirinos is the Founder and General Manager of the custom jewelry company, Kaleido's Jewelry & Crafts. This company strives to create personalized and affordable accessories that express their customer's unique sense of style. Katharine has previously worked in quality control and project management for Collective Solutions. She has also participated in the Vital Voices Honduras program. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business from the Universidad Católica de Honduras.



Marian Ferrufino is the COO of Helping Hands for the Community. This non-governmental organization seeks to provide food, shelter, clothing, health care, and education to the homeless and orphaned children from their local communities. Marian also works as an Educator at Sheridan Bilingual School, where she teaches writing, grammar, and literature to high school students. She holds an Associate's Degree in English Teaching from the Universidad Pedagógica Nacional de Honduras.



Karla Inestroza is the founder of Honduran Physicians for Medical Brigades, an organization that allows medical brigades to work alongside a local, bilingual physician. The goal of this organization is to provide medical brigades with an individual who is familiar with the local health system and local diseases. Karla also works as a General Physician at the Honduran National Northwest Hospital Mario Catarino Rivas. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Medicine from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras.



Regina Ponce is the Founder and General Manager of ArtesShop: Creative Market. This organization seeks to solve the lack of opportunities local artisans face by providing a space in which their products, crafts, and human talents can be featured. Regina also works as a Project and Local Development Coordinator for Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Honduras. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the Universidad Tecnológica de Honduras.



Homero Rojas is the Co-Founder and CEO of MediaCity Labs, the first videogame development academy in the country. MediaCity Labs seeks to provide world-class educational services in the areas of traditional and emerging technologies to promote community development. Homero also founded MediaCity Games. Homero has served as a mentor and speaker in many technology and entrepreneurship initiatives and multiple hackathons.



Frank Solorzano is the Co-Founder and CEO of Caité, a Honduran-made footwear company. Caité shows culture, tradition, and iconic sites through graphic design showcases in Central America from an innovative perspective. Frank has previously worked as a Manager at Comercial Los Gemelos, a company that sells used and imported clothing. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from UNITECH.



Dania Valle is the Founder and CEO of Reciclatecc, an electronic waste recycling company. Reciclatecc offers free e-waste collection services to companies and sells recycling materials in the local market and internationally. Dania has previously worked as a Project Analyst for Central American Capital Partners and as an Assistant Manager for Productores de Energía Renovable, a company that develops renewable energy projects in Honduras. Dania holds a Master's Degree in Business Management and a

Bachelor's Degree in Finance from UNITEC.

Jamaica



Christine Daley is the founder of DoodleSurprize, a company that provides monthly subscription activity boxes for children ages 4-12. DoodleSurprize seeks to help kids discover themselves and their passion through art, crafts, and science. Christine has previously worked in Accounting, Marketing, and Project Management at Digicel Jamaica, Zinery International, and Black Ink Marketing. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with a minor in Marketing from the University of Technology Jamaica and

certificates in Project Management and Graphic Design from the University of the West Indies.



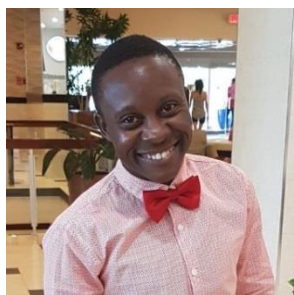
Carey-Lee Dixon is the Founder of For Women to Women, an organization that offers resources to empower career-oriented and entrepreneurial young women. For Women to Women bridges the gap between access, resources, and opportunities by offering curated events and a platform that connects like-minded women to build their networks. Carey-Lee holds a Bachelor's Degree in Surveying and Geographic Information Sciences from the University of Technology, Jamaica.



Kiddist McCoy is the Co-Founder of Good Deeds Foundation Jamaica, which addresses the high level of youth unemployment in Jamaica. Good Deeds Foundation Jamaica hosts empowerment sessions and career expos for youth. Kiddist currently works in customer service for Digicel Jamaica Limited and is a member of several community associations. She has a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a specialization in Program and Project Management from the International University of the Caribbean.



Randy McLaren is the Co-Founder of Bresheh Enterprises, which seeks to create an internationally recognized, socially responsible, and innovative brand of products created in the culture-rich island of Jamaica. Bresheh Enterprises employs and empowers marginalized individuals, including those with disabilities. Randy previously worked for Articulet Edutainment. He studied Sociology and Cultural Studies at The University of the West Indies.



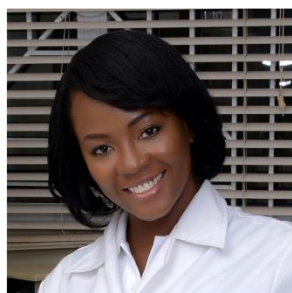
Neish McLean is the Co-Founder of TransWave Jamaica, an organization that seeks to address the lack of safe spaces, trans-inclusive health care services, and legislation reform that recognizes the existence of transgender Jamaicans. The vision of TransWave Jamaica is to create an inclusive Jamaican society that protects and respects the inherent dignity of trans-identifying individuals. Neish is currently a Project Manager and HIV Coordinator at Equality for All Foundation Jamaica (J-FLAG). He holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Sports Management from The University of the West Indies.



Fonnique Miller is the Co-Founder and COO of Frame of Reference Ltd., a post-production company. Frame of Reference seeks to be the leading post-production house in the Caribbean by providing high-quality services to its clients through the use of the latest technology, efficiently carried out by a team of professionals. Fonnique holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of the West Indies.



Dave Oakley is the Founder of Crimebot Limited, which seeks to reduce crime in Jamaica through technology. Crimebot allows users to anonymously report crimes and assists in the tracking and recovery of missing children. Dave is currently a Network Administrator with Total Travel Services Limited, previously founded a second venture called LogicMinds Limited, and is active in several community associations. He holds a High School Diploma in Information Technology from Jamaica College.



Charah Watson is the founder of Kihara Cosmetics. Kihara Cosmetics utilizes indigenous medicinal plants to develop and commercialize affordable hair, skin, and nail care products. Charah previously worked in research and product development for Bio-Tech Research and Development Institute and as an Educator with Tivoli Gardens High School. She holds a PhD in Chemistry from the University of the West Indies.

Mexico



Juan Ma Arellano is the Founder of Mediceck, a company that incorporates technology into health care practices. Mediceck's objective is to establish a bilateral communication solution on a digital platform for doctors and their patients. Juan also previously started a video editing company and is actively involved in volunteerism in his community. He holds an MD from the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara.



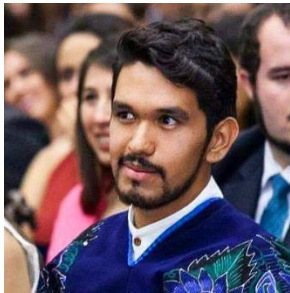
Jorge Caballero is the Founder and CEO of Living a Book, an app development company. Living a Book aims to combine reading with technology by creating pathbooks, where the reader's selections change the course of the story, allowing them to reach different endings created by their own decisions. Jorge worked as an engineer for Televisa. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Systems Engineering from the Instituto Tecnológico de Matamoros.



Lizeth Fuentes Cervantes is the Founder of the healthy bakery, Inergia. Inergia's mission is to offer delicious, personalized, and high-quality desserts for any type of celebration. Lizeth is currently an Assistant Manager with POSiBLE México, which provides support to entrepreneurs, and is active in volunteerism. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the Universidad Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo.



Jorge Ham is the Founder of Haltium, a company with the mission of bringing new and affordable technology to Latin America. Haltium's vision is to develop technology to lessen Latin America's dependence on other parts of the world for technology. Jorge currently works as a Department Head with the Consejo de Ciencia y Tecnología del Estado de Morelos and previously founded startups in video gaming and digital design. He holds a Bachelor's in Architecture from the National Autonomous University of Mexico.



Victor Jasso is the Founder of Segunda Piel, a fashion company that works with Mexican craftswomen to empower their communities socially, economically, and creatively. Its vision is to finance a fashion design program for craftswomen so they become the creative directors of the brand and replicate the program in other communities. Victor also serves as the Funding Coordinator for the Red de Casas Hogar de Querétaro and has been involved in research and education programs in indigenous and rural communities. Victor holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education.

Carmen Márquez is the Founder of H-Savr, an organization that seeks to reduce customers' environmental footprint. It strives to create a network of environmentally aware users who have full control of their consumption of resources. Carmen previously worked for Innovative-net and Centro de Enseñanza Técnica y Superior. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Cybernetics Electronics Engineering from CETYS Universidad.



Damaris Ortiz Rodriguez is the Founder of Abba's House, a company that sells handcrafted coffee, tea, and products made out of amaranth. Its vision is to expand the delights of Mexican culture around the globe. Damaris previously started another venture called Nectar, worked at Distribuidora el Florido, and conducted mission outreach work in several countries. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Business from the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California.



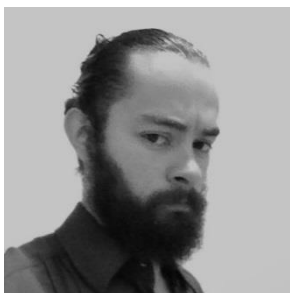
Marco Palma is the Co-Founder of FGI Formación Global Integral de RL de CV, which promotes new, innovative processes of learning to provide students with skills required for their future careers. It provides solutions for the Latin American educational model, which is becoming obsolete in the globalized world. Marco previously worked for American Express and MassChallenge. He holds a Master's in Business Administration from the Egade Business School.



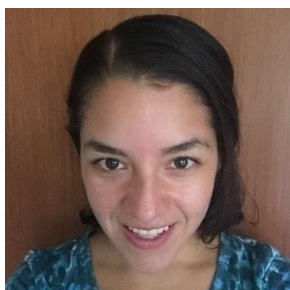
Verónica Portugal is the Founder of Transparency International Social Entrepreneurs Initiative, which addresses corruption in Mexico. Through innovative programs involving storytelling, advocacy, technology, and games, Transparency International Social Entrepreneurs Initiative promotes citizen engagement in fighting corruption. Verónica previously worked for Participa en Tu Comunidad Escolar and The Women Against Corruption Project. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México.



Xavier Retif is the Founder of Bazar Malta, a beer boutique. Bazar Malta offers over 150 beers from 20 Mexican states, bringing recognition to Mexican craft beer and promoting the local economy. Xavier previously worked as a Senior Financial Analyst with Seagate and as a Financial Specialist for IBM. He holds a Master's Degree in Finance from EAE Business School.



Edgar Nahum Rodríguez González is the Founder of LZY Limitless Zenith Insolation, an organization focused on water accessibility. LZY has created a solar generator system that provides potable water and electric power to people around the world. Edgar has also previously provided coaching and soft skills courses. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the National Autonomous University of Mexico.



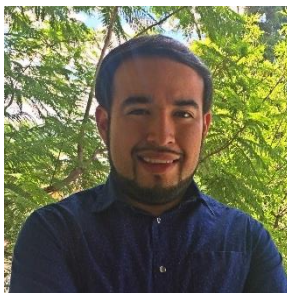
Sofía Salas is the Co-Founder of Puercomonte, an organization committed to the acknowledgment of Mexican cultural heritage through playful solutions that encourage personal growth and family living. Puercomonte designs games and toys that develop cognitive, motor, and social skills, while promoting Mexican cultural knowledge. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Design from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.



Leslie Sanchez Narvaez is the Founder of iakunaah, whose mission is to promote conscious trade and commerce by providing vegan and handmade products from local and international vendors. iakunaah seeks to make it easier to find vegan products in developing countries. Leslie is currently the Team Leader of the Customer Support Team at Tripaneer and worked in the automotive industry. She has a Bachelor's in International Business from the Universidad de la Salle Bajío.



Ale Vela is the Co-Founder of Pa'l Roll, an organization that promotes bicycles as a primary means of transportation. Pa'l Roll seeks to reduce pollution and create safer dynamics between drivers and bikers. Ale was previously an Intern at Scitum and worked with an environmental association in Chiapas. She is a current student at Instituto Politécnico Nacional, where she studies International Business.



Diego Zúñiga is the Founder of Espontanea, a 3D printing company. Espontanea seeks to ease the manufacturing process by creating custom prototypes for customers and offering experience in project development. Diego previously worked in research and development for FRISA Forjados and as a Manager for 3D Factory MX. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechatronics from the Monterrey Institute of Technology.

Nicaragua



Maria Julia Alvarez is the Founder of the clothing brand F5 refresh, created to bring fun, high-quality, and fashionable clothes to the Nicaraguan market and to help the local economy. The company addresses the lack of diverse clothing brands and the need for ready-to-wear clothes in Nicaragua. Maria previously volunteered with Mision Bosawas. She holds an Associate's Degree in Architecture from the National University of Engineering, Peru.



Brandon Blandón Vargas is the Co-Founder of Bmarkt Studio, an e-commerce platform. Bmarkt Studio designs and develops digital transformation strategies to promote the growth. Their tools help businesses manage finances, strategic planning, and inventory. Brandon previously worked as an Educator at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua.



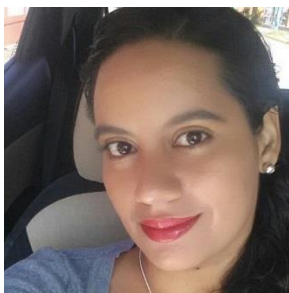
Gerardo Escudero Samara is the founder of Chill Out Lounge, a restaurant that offers live music in a modern space. Chill Out Lounge allows local artists to develop and express their art in a place where clients can feel comfortable while enjoying a wide variety of international dishes. Gerardo's hopes to make ChillOut Lounge a franchise, expanding the brand to five cities in Nicaragua in five years. As the CEO, he organizes events, creates marketing campaigns, and trains staff members.



Rolyn Garcia is the co-founder of Golden Coffee Beans. The mission of the business is to provide quality coffee and contribute to the prosperity of its employees and community. Golden Coffee Beans seeks to become a recognized and trusted brand, a model business with eco-friendly practices, and a channel for better pricing to local farmers. Rolyn holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing from Keiser University.



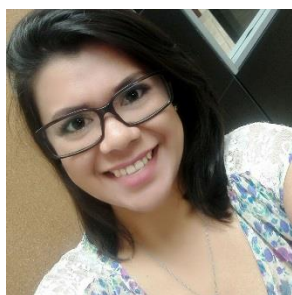
Damaris Guardado is the co-founder of Purpose Driven Tours, a company offering tours of Leon, Nicaragua. Purpose Driven Tours provides customers with a unique visiting experience by working directly with people from rural communities, giving visitors the opportunity to learn from locals. A portion of the profits are used to support social projects, including English and environmental classes. Damaris holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from The National Autonomous University of Nicaragua.



Samanta Lacayo is the founder of the Centro de Desarrollo Integral para la Vejez, a center where aging adults can prepare for retirement. Centro de Desarrollo Integral para la Vejez also offers training for caregivers who want to specialize in the care of elders. Samanta currently works at the Consultorio Psicológico Integral as a psychologist. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the Universidad Centroamericana.



Maria José Luna is the Proprietor and Head Designer at MÜN Design Studio, which provides sustainable design and art pieces in the form of ornaments or furniture, many of which are made from recycled materials. She uses original and exclusive designs using sustainable techniques, promoting a more rational use of resources. She previously worked as an Architect and Designer at the Toolbox Design Studio. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from the Universidad Americana UAM.



Junieth Machado is the founder of Cousy. The organization seeks to increase the self-esteem of housewives and single mothers by developing their business and communication skills. They also inform women of their rights and train them on violence prevention. Junieth previously worked for DeHumoTV as a journalist and producer, Imaginate Films/Abre Tus Ojos as a trainer, and Mobileschool as an intern. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Communication from the Universidad Centroamericana UCA.



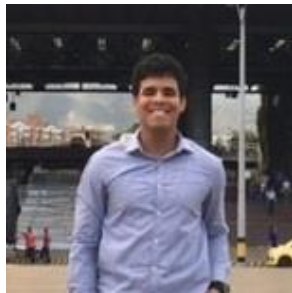
Naiyel Navarrete is the co-founder of CocoNica, a company that produces natural coconut oil. It uses a recycling method that reduces pollution, making it environmentally friendly. He wants to help producers add value to their agricultural products so that their operations can become more profitable. He previously worked in a bakery and as an English teacher for adolescents and adults. Naiyel holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Thomas More University.



Lestel Maria Kelly de Perez is the co-founder of Transform Your Own Idea, an Afro-descendent women's group. Transform Your Own Idea fosters cultural wealth and ancestral identity through advocacy, dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and capacity-building. The organization gives women the opportunity to create their own businesses to support themselves and their communities. She currently works at FADCANIC as a municipal coordinator of the project focused on prevention of youth violence and drugs abuse.

Lestel holds a Master's Degree in Communication from the Universidad de las Regiones Autónomas de la Costa Atlántica de Nicaragua.

Panama



Alexander Batista Trevia is the founder of Ecournas Panama, a company that sells biodegradable urns for family pets. Ecournas Panama addresses deforestation and the high cost of traditional burial services and allows the family to plant the ashes of their pet. He previously worked at Odebrecht. Alexander holds an MBA from the Universidad Francisco de Vitoria and a Bachelor's in Industrial Engineering from the Universidad Catolica Santa Maria La Antigua.



Felipe Chen is the co-founder of Algebrly Inc. The company uses artificial intelligence as math tutors for students. Algebrly Inc. allows a student to enter any math problem and instantly get a step-by-step explanation on how to solve it. Felipe holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from the Technological University of Panama.



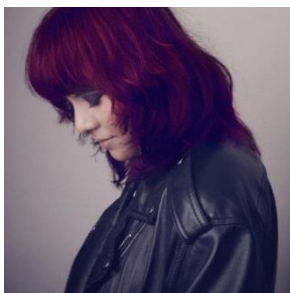
Felipe Garcia is a managing partner of INDIGO - Youth Leadership Community. INDIGO seeks to shape social capital by developing communities where volunteers engage with younger generations. The organization helps youth discover and develop their passion, lead change in their communities, and increase their opportunities. Felipe previously worked as the director of AIESEC. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Systems and Telecommunications Engineering from the Universidad de Manizales.



Zu Hurley is the founder of Flus, S.A., a financial technology startup that promotes e-commerce. Eighty percent of Panama's population does not own credit cards. Flus addresses this problem by providing customers with an accessible mobile payment app. Zu holds a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnología.



Nay Quintero is the co-founder of Sante Cutarras, a conscious entrepreneurship organization. Sante Cutarras fights for the rescue of Panama's traditional shoes, the cutarras, a symbol of the folklore of Panama. Nay also manages monitoring and compliance for Felipe Motta, a wine and food distributor. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and Publicity with an emphasis in Sales Management from the Universidad Latina de Panama.



Mariery Young is the founder of Mezclao Studio, a Panamanian design studio that works with other brands to create illustrated products. Mezclao's mission is to showcase multicultural diversity in the Latin American Community and empower a rich mix of creative entrepreneurs, providing them with a platform for sharing their stories. Mariery holds a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from the Universidad de Panama.

Paraguay



Krish Gissela Caballero Vázquez is the founder and general coordinator of Familia U.S.A. Paraguay, a youth organization whose mission is to form youth leaders by promoting financial education, self-management, and entrepreneurial culture. Its vision is a society composed of free and responsible individuals who have the motivation, impulse, and ability to transform their goals into viable projects. Krish holds a Communication Science degree from the Universidad Nacional del Este.



Maria Duarte is the founder of Kove, an organization that seeks to decrease poverty and social inequality among the indigenous people in Paraguay. Its mission is to provide the indigenous population with the resources to become self-sufficient. Maria currently works as a Manager at the UN Global Compact. She has previously worked as the Head of Marketing at 5días, the first and only economic journal in Paraguay, as a Creative Editor for Oniria/TBWA, and as the Head of Communications for Fundación

Natan. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from the Universidad Católica de Asunción.



Asunción.

Gabriela Gaona is a project manager at Codium SA, a software company interested in developing new ideas for private and public institutions. She works on the USAID-CEAMSO Democracy and Governability Program, developing applications using Open Data. She previously worked as a software consultant to develop mobile applications for Paraguay's Health Care Ministry and the Public Procurement Directorate of Paraguay. Gabriela holds a Bachelor's Degree in Informatics Engineering from the National University of



Emiliano Gonzalez is the director of I+ Innovaciones Tecnológicas, a technology company focused on education. Their courses provide students with better job opportunities by complementing the college curriculum. He previously worked as a programmer for Oracle in the Billing Department. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Systems Engineering from the Universidad Nacional de Asunción.

Peru



Católica del Perú.

Miguel Ángeles is the co-founder of CIRSYS, which provides technological solutions to recycling and waste management. The method of classifying waste using colored bins is ineffective due to the lack of a recycling culture. Their solution is IRBin, a social robot that automatically classifies solid waste. Miguel previously worked as a production manager at Corporación Ingelsa S.A.C. and as a junior project engineer at Gloria S.A. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechatronics Engineering from the Pontificia Universidad



Osar Cabada is the founder and CMO of a business incubator called Think IT. Think IT focuses on low-cost brand design and information technology development for small and medium sized businesses. They provide their customers with professional commercial and business strategy assessment so they can grow, interrelate, and create shared value. Osar has previously worked at FractalUP and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Engineering from the Universidad Privada del Norte.



Bitia Kuri Chavez Bermudez is the Co-Founder of a food waste startup, Sinba sura SAC. Based on the idea of a circular economy and a world without trash, Sinba sura SAC works to transform food waste into high quality animal feed. Bitia previously worked for ProAmbiente as an advisor on the development of innovative environmental and biodiversity projects. She holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from the Universidad Nacional de San Antonio Abad del Cusco.



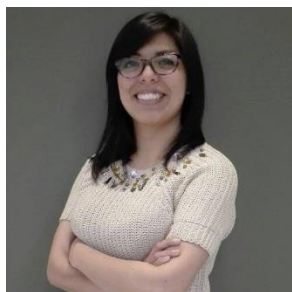
Mayra Delgado is the Co-Founder of Kira, an NGO that delivers survival kits to low income Peruvian mothers. These kits include a blanket and assorted baby products that are geared towards decreasing the cost of raising a newborn and improving health outcomes. Mayra has worked in the Public Management division at Apoyo Consultoria as well as for the Ministry of Education of Peru. She is also a Co-Founder of Luvo, an online marketplace that connects professionals with people who need their services. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the Universidad del Pacífico where she focused on Public Policy and Development.



Beth Gonzales is the founder of Musuq Quipu, a technology curriculum for schools. Musuq Quipu delivers classes and the necessary tools to develop tech-based projects that solve community problems for schools in Peru. Beth currently works for E&ES Ingenieros SRL and has previously worked for Industrial Controls SAC in the Quality Control department. She holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from the Universidad Católica de Santa María.



Ximena Gonzalez is the CO-Founder and CEO of Nómades - Yachay L.A.B. S.A.C, a social enterprise that seeks innovation in the handicraft market. Nómades offers an e-commerce platform for the sales of Peruvian handicrafts with the hope of increasing consumption and empowering artisans. Ximena has previously worked as an assistant at the Scotiabank Peru and at BSD Consulting as a Junior Consultant. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business from the Universidad del Pacífico and a Sustainable Development Diploma from the Universidad de ESAN.



Katherin Victoria Heras Salazar is the Co-Founder of WIPHALA +, a social organization that seeks to use education for development projects related to human rights, gender, and interculturalism. WIPHALA + uses art and culture as transformational tools to help vulnerable communities develop the skills necessary for sustainable development. Katherin has previously worked in research and development at YUPAQ S.A.C and has experience in the nonprofit sector through service with ADECA, DEMUS, Andean Commission of Jurists, Amnesty International, and Ashanti Peru. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the Universidad Nacional de Cajamarca.



Erik Huamanchumo is the Co-Founder of Acritel. Acritel is a company that produces handmade acrylic displays to create more jobs in the community and serve as an alternative to large companies. Erik also works as an English and Social Leadership Teacher at Certus. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Languages from San Marcos University.



Jose Manrique is the Co-Founder and CEO of the education program Change. Change seeks to improve English teaching in Peru by training teachers in the use of educational technologies and new methodologies. The company also implements English programs that address students' needs. Jose has previously worked as an English teacher and teacher trainer at the Centro Cultural Peruano Norteamericano de Arequipa and with RELO Andes. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Software Engineering from the Universidad Nacional de San Agustín.



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Saint Kitts and Nevis



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Saint Lucia



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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines



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Sint Maarten



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Suriname



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Tourism.

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Trinidad and Tobago



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Uruguay



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Venezuela



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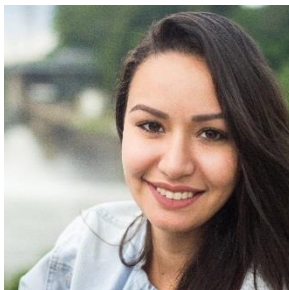
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